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Hello, and thank you for joining me on this presentation on God's eminence and transcendence, and this presentation, we're going to talk about these two key ways of describing God and how important it is to hold both of these intention.

So the first thing we're gonna talk about is God's eminence. This is the idea that God is part of an intimately close to creation and humanity.

God is continuing to make God's self known in the history, humanity, and creation. When we're thinking about examples of God's eminence, we can start at the very beginning of scripture and the two creation accounts in Genesis chapter one and chapter two, in both those accounts, we see examples of God's eminence.

God's closeness to us in creation. First in Genesis one with the spirit sweeping across the deep, and then in Genesis two, when it describes the hands of God molding, the first human from mud God's breath and hands are involved in the very act of creating God's breath continues to breathe life into us every day.

And then if we think of the story of Pentecost in acts two, we remember that each time the wind blows God's spirit is present with us in the same way the spirit blew through at Pentecost.

And of course, God's eminence is best made, known to us in his son, Jesus Christ, who is fully human and fully divine and Jesus Christ God takes on all that.

It means to be human to experience the eminence of God is to recognize God's presence fully node in history and creation.

Cod's eminence is the cry of advent and the hope of Christmas Emmanuelle. God is with us. And why is it important to hold this idea of God close to us?

The eminence of God? It's important because it affirms the goodness of both humans and all of creation. If we understand God to be intimately, a Part of all that is including other human beings, it leaves us with a great responsibility to care for one another and the creative world around us as if it were gone.

On the other hand, we have to be very careful about focusing too heavily on God's presence in creation, because in doing that, we can limit the scope of God's work to what we imagine is possible through humanity or God's creation as we see it, and that can live at God's power and work to our perception, our perception of what we can do, or our imagination of what the created world can become.



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And so that's why it's so important to hold that eminence of God intention with God's transcendence. And the idea of God's transcendence is that God is a part from not a part of God is a part from above and beyond all of creation and humanity.

God is beyond the created world of human bodies creation in history. And where do we see examples of God's transcendence and scripture?

Well, beginning in the Old Testament, the stories of where we hear about God's presence among the people, stories that say God was so powerful that someone could not touch the mountain where God was present.

You think about Exodus 19 and 20, or that God's presence had to be housed in something to protect the people, whether that was the Ark or the tempo.

Another good example is the story of Moses and the burning Bush in chapter three, where Moses experiences God as holy other in God's presence creates holy space.

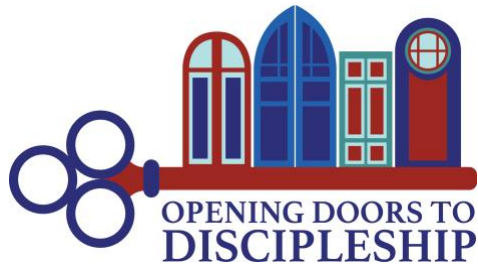
So holy that Moses must remove his sandals while he is all in the holy ground. In the New Testament we hear of God's transcendence in Matthew 25, when Jesus is described as the son of man common and glory with the angels to judge scripture, and John would reminds us that God in Christ was present and existed before creation revelation also describes God apart from creation, who must come down to dwell in the new heaven and new earth.

Well, it, wasn't important to hold an image of a transcendent on because holiday an image of a transcendent. God affirms that the brokenness we see in the creative world, or our limited imagination to see possibilities and hope where despair exists does not have the last word.

God, the all powerful creator and Redeemer kind of work can work for justice can work for freedom and peace beyond the broken relationships and broken institutions that humans have created. The transcendent. God reminds us that God's powers are not confined by creation in humans. And that is a source of hope.

The God's power God's grace can break through. Even the most despairing places God's transcendence is falling recognized and the shouts of all Aliyah, he has risen.

He has risen indeed on Easter morning, God and Christ conquers, all that is destined to destroy God's creation. God's transcendence reminds us that God is all powerful and God's power and purpose is beyond the events and people who are set on harming or destroying God's creative world in the end.



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God's transcendence reminds us God's creative love. Well, when, well, the other hand, we have to be careful to not to focus too heavily on God's transcendence, because then we run the risk of devaluing, the created goodness of the world.

And we can fall into a false dualism that process, not the created goodness of each person in creation, but instead sees the created order only as a source of sin and brokenness apart from a transcendent God, as we explore experiences and descriptions of God's eminence and transcendence notice they're both necessary for understanding God.

And one is no less valuable than the other, as Jesus has. Neither human only human as Jesus has neither, only human nor only divine.

We must hold those the transcendence and eminence of God intention. How can we do that perhaps with the practice of wonder, stop, take a deep breath and Marvel at the intricacy of creation, stop, take a deep breath and Marvel at the vastness of God, this kind of wondering, involves all our intelligences and to all our senses.

And we see that songs and art pieces scientific discoveries, the natural world, and the written word can all, why not us to God's vastness and God's presence.

How are you practicing wonder, thank you so much for taking time to listen to this presentation and reflect on God's eminence and transcendence.

There are more reflection activities for you to take part in following this video. And I strongly encourage you to continue that reflection with those videos.

Thank you. And thank you for your time.